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British Embassy Aide Charged With Spying

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LONDON, Oct. 11—A British administrative officer at the British embassy in Algiers was accused here today of passing a secret government document to an unspecified enemy.

Leonard M. Hinchliffe, 39, was charged under Section 1 of Britain's Official Secrets Act, which deals with espionage. He was arrested here Sunday and charged with handing over the document while he served with the British embassy in Khartoum, Sudan, between July, 1968, and April, 1971.

It was not known whether his arrest was linked with the recent defection of a Soviet espionage agent to Britain that led to the expulsion of 105 Soviet officials from London three weeks ago.

Hinchliffe was ordered held without bail after a one-minute hearing at London's Bow Street magistrate court. The government charged that he gave "another person" a document "calculated to be, or might be, or was intended to be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy."

The document and the person Hichcliffe allegedly handed it to were not identified. Hinchliffe did not enter a plea today and another preliminary hearing was set for next week.

Hinchliffe did not have a full diplomatic status. He is the first British foreign office official arrested for espionage since British diplomats Harold (Kim) Philby, Donald McLean, Guy Burgess and George Blake were exposed as Soviet agents in the early 1960s.

In a separate development today, a Malaysian civil servant and two Greek Cypriot tailors were ordered held without bail until a preliminary hearing under the Official Secrets Act. The Malaysian, Sirioj Husein Abdoorcader, 33, was accused of obtaining an article at the Portsmouth Naval Base last February that might be useful to an enemy.

Kyriacos Costi, 29, was accused of making a note last month calculated to be useful to an enemy. Constantinos Martianon, 26, was accused of obtaining an article potentially useful to an enemy.

Soviets Warned Of Cuba Blockade

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STOCKHOLM, Oct. 11—Stig Wennerstroem, 65, the former Swedish army colonel and diplomat who was convicted of spying for the Soviet Union, said in an interview published today that he gave the Russians six days' advance warning of President Kennedy's decision to block shipping to Cuba in the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

Wennerstroem, jailed for life in 1964, told the newspaper Aftonbladet that this was his biggest coup in 15 years as a Soviet spy. A the time he was the Swedish foreign ministry's military adviser on disarmament. He said he learned about the blockade from a Frenchman and an American in Stockholm.